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The American Flag

Flag of the planet gem!
Whose sapphire-circled diadems
Stand every sea, and shore, and sky;
Oh! can thy children gaze
Upon thy silver blade,
Nor kindle at thy rays,
Which led the brave of old to die?
Thou banner, beautiful and grand,
Float thou forever o'er our land!

Flag of the stripes of fire!
Long as the bard of his lofty lyre
Shall strike, thou shalt inspire our song;
We'll sing thee round the heart,
We'll sing thee—strange earth,
To be thy birth, thy cradle, thy barge,
Flag of the free, and brave in blood,
For ay be thou the bane of God!

Flag of the Bird of Joy!
Who left the clouds and stars above,
To point the hero-lighting forth;
A—, and then we'll start,
With glittering sword in hand,
And swear to guard the land
Which led the British lion!

Flag of the West! be thou unfurled,
Till the last trumpet awoke the world!

Flag of the ocean shores!
Whose everlasting thunder roars,
From deep to deep, storm and surge;
Through with the sun's red set,
Thou sink'st to slumber, yet
With him, in glory great,
Thou banner, beautiful and grand,
Float thou forever o'er our land!

A Bull Fight.

While at Biarritz, the Empress Eugenia always attends the bull fights instituted some years ago by her. One is thus described by the correspondent of the London Times—

"Another bull fight took place to-day at St. Esprit. The ceremony at the bar did not prevent it from being well attended. Egana, a very rising man in his profession, was especially retained for the present occasion. He was summoned by telegram from Biscay, and though he had an engagement elsewhere, he accepted the very liberal offer made to him. He exhibited to-day, and got well through his work. He killed his two bulls to the great satisfaction even of the Spanish amateurs, who are naturally the best judges of his merits. While fighting his first bull, and when just at the moment of giving the final stroke, he, by accident or design dropped the mauls, or crimpson flag which hides the sword. The bull instantly trampled, and it was impossible to recover it. The spectators shouted to him to take another mauls. He did no such thing. With admirable sang froid he took a small crimson handkerchief from the pocket of his embroidered jacket, held it before the eye of the bull, and as the beast dashed forward, he planted the sword in his spine up to the hilt. The brute made one last bound at his adversary, but as he touched him with his horns, fell dead as if struck by a thunderbolt. The whole ring resounded with applause. The bull-fighter had to make the circuit of the ring three times, while showers of cigars were flung at him—one of the highest compliments to an artist of this kind. The bull was allowed to him as a recompence to his skill. Egana advanced to where the animal was lying, cut off the tip of his ear, dug it into the air, and retired amid enthusiastic shouts. Two or three of the bulls were good, but one was pronounced to be decidedly bad, as he gave very little or no play to the plieadors.

The Editor.—The Richmond *Mail* throws off the following capital illustration: "They have a steamboat on the Western waters named the 'Editor.' This is the very best name ever given to a steamboat. We are surprised that it has never been thought of before. The editor is a working engine whose fires are going night and day. Now he sails against the tide, now with it, until he suddenly comes up against a hidden snag, which entirely shivers his timbers. When ever he moves he puts the water in agitation, and leaves a wake of troubled waters behind him. He serves every one but himself, carries passengers in any quantity, and goes off, puff-puffing down the stream of life. Often his powers are over-taxed and the boiler bursts, but fortunately it kills no one but himself—and who cares for an editor?"

Ed. Dross saw a note lying on the ground, but knew that it was a counterfeit, and walked on without picking it up. He told his friend Smyth the story, when the latter said:

"Do you know, Digg, you have committed a grave offense?"

"Why, what have I done?"

"You have passed a counterfeit bill, knowing it to be such," said Smyth without a smile and fled.

The Fire Department of Gloucester had a general parade last month.

A Thanksgiving Day.

BY A. L. OTIS.

to know if you wanted the sleeve-cuffs velvet-lined. Do you, Charles?"

He deigned me no reply. I cared much more for him than for Jack, I felt myself flushed painfully as I said,

"I only asked because he is coming again, and desired word to be left about it."

As usual, I fled to my room to conceal my tears. But I was afraid I might be missed if I stayed too long, and thus excite Edward's dangerous compassion. I washed my eyes, and hastened down to find the brother in loud and high dispute, which hushed as I entered. I knew by the look of hate which Charles bestowed upon me, that I was the subject of it. I saw too plainly that Edward's championship was doing me no good, and that I was sowing dissension in the family. I must go away. This state of misery was killing me. I had become so weakly nervous, that anything sudden or unexpected, made me scream out, or faint away. I could not bear this much longer, and live, even though Edward's kindness had filled my whole heart with boundless gratitude and love for him.

The answering voice made tremble. It was Dr. E.:

"Have you known her well, doctor? I mean her disposition?"

"Certainly, sir! certainly! Ever since she was a child."

"They say she is deceitful, and an actress, and that occasions their coldness to her. I don't wish to defend them, heaven knows! I would be most happy—I am quite miserable not to believe her all I once thought her. But the whole family, except Edward, who is a stranger to her, seem to think her not truthful."

"Then harsh treatment has made her so; but I don't believe it, for I never saw a more open child. She was always a timid little thing, ready to shrink, wanting encouragement. No doubt, if repelled, she would conceal her warmer feelings, but the truth, never!"

"But the gentle Letitia."

"Fal-de-ral—a little blind mole! Those boys are at the bottom of it. With equal fortune, and superior personal attractions, Agnes has raised their jealous fear of her cutting their sister out in society. That is it, my dear fellow.

I see through it."

I had endured a whole year of this misery, and then Edward came home. He was welcomed with joy by all but myself. I had never seen him, and therefore feared him. I felt that if he were my enemy too, I must become desperate to leave them, though I had no relatives who could compel affection, I found, to my sorrow.

I had a bunch of pretty wild flowers in his hand one day when he came—the last blossoms of autumn. He had always brought them for me, before; but now, when I expected them, and had therefore feared him. I felt that, after all, he was not turning from me, he gave them to Letitia with an air that seemed to say, 'You need not suppose they are for you!'

I was so weak, and so overwhelmed with shame and grief, that for a moment I felt faint. I sank down upon the sofa, and Lettie fanned me. Just then Charles came in.

"That actress is at her interesting tricks again!" he sneered. "Don't waste your time and sympathy on her. She will come to quick enough, if you retire, and leave no one by to admire her airs!"

"I do think she is ill, Charles," said Lettie, "see her poor white lips."

"Perhaps—but if Dr. E. had not been here as witness, she would not have fainted."

The next evening, my new brother asked me to give him some music. My hands trembled, and grew so cold, that I continually made mistakes. I endeavored to remedy them, and so grew confused. At last I tried a lively, easy waltz, in hopes of recovering myself. Jack began to beat time. It distracted me.

"You never keep time with Agnes," he said, "she always breaks down."

Edward was standing by me; I could see by the mirror before me, that he turned quickly, and gave Jack an angry look. It only confused me more, and I bungled again.

"There! I told you so!" cried Jack. "Hear that!"

"And how dare you beat time at all, you uncivil little monkey?" Edward burst out, when Edward was expected home; and when the day arrived, with all its bustle of preparation for guests, and their reception, I was so much better that I dressed to be present at dinner. When word was sent to my room that dinner was again for a week, being quite feverish and ill. But I determined to be down on Thanksgiving Day, when Edward was expected home; and when the day arrived, with all its bustle of preparation for guests, and their reception, I was so much better that I dressed to be present at dinner. When word was sent to my room that dinner was again for a week, being quite feverish and ill. But I determined to be down on Thanksgiving Day, when Edward was expected home; and when the day arrived, with all its bustle of preparation for guests, and their reception, I was so much better that I dressed to be present at dinner. 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MARCUS D. BOBUCK, Editor

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SATURDAY, NOV. 6, 1858.

Notice.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE FIREMAN'S CEMETERY OF THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, hereby offer a premium of FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50), for the best plans and specifications, for an iron railing with brick or granite base, to be placed around the fireman's plot in Lone Mountain Cemetery. Further information in respect to the matter, may be obtained at the office of Henry A. Cobb, No. 102 Montgomery street.

All plans and specifications must be sent in by the 6th of November.

H. A. COBB, Chairman,
G. H. HOSSEFROSS,
S. F. C. LANE.

Trustees Cemetery S. F. F. D.

Acknowledgment.

The undersigned acknowledges the receipt of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, from A. B. Grogan, Esq., in aid of the Fireman's Cemetery Fund.

HENRY A. COBB.

Chmn Trustees Fireman's Cemetery.

Sacramento Agency.

GEORGE J. LITTLE is the duly authorized agent of THE FIREMAN'S JOURNAL, in Sacramento. All orders for the paper left at his office, only, will be attended to promptly.

By reference to another column it will be seen that the Cemetery Fund is rapidly accumulating, and in a short time the funds necessary for the railing and monument will have been subscribed. Mr. Grogan, the agent of the owners of the buildings injured by the fire on Monday night, has donated the Fund one hundred dollars, and the Butchers' Association have notified Mr. Cobb, that they will donate to the Cemetery Fund, the surplus of the receipts of their ball, which will amount to about one hundred and fifty dollars. It will thus be seen that considerable interest is being manifested in the Fund, and if the firemen would evince a corresponding degree of interest, the amount necessary could be procured by the 1st of November next. It will require thirty-five hundred dollars to carry out the design of the Trustees.

The plans for the railing and monument will be opened on the 10th (Wednesday next), and all proposals for building the base and putting up the railing, must be sent in to Mr. Cobb, by the 20th, at which time they will be opened, and the work given out. The Committee, we understand, will reserve the right to themselves to reject any or all bids for the work. Neither will they consider themselves bound to accept the lowest bid. While it is their object to have the work done in an economical manner as possible, they do not intend to allow a few dollars' difference in a bid, to preclude them from accepting terms of an advantageous nature.

The procurement of a Fireman's Cemetery was first advanced in this paper, in the appearance of its second number. We strongly advocated it at that time, and have at every convenient opportunity since; and it is a source of great gratification to us that our ideas have been so well seconded by the people and the Department.

LADDERS.—There is not a single ladder in the Department sufficient to reach (properly) the 3d story of a building like that of VANCE's. There should be three sixty-five foot ladders constructed and placed in localities where they could be easily obtained. One for instance at the Plaza, one at the corner of Broadway and Dupont street; and one at the junction of Market and Bush streets. They are indispensably necessary, and there should be no delay in procuring them. We have spoken of this matter before, but it was not deemed feasible, but had there been ladders of the length we speak of, at the fire of Monday, the firemen would have found just how advantageous they were. It would be well for the Chief Engineer to take some action in the matter.

A HOSE COMPANY.—The want of a Hose Company in the Department, independent of every other company, was practically demonstrated on Monday night. With but three or four exceptions there was not a reel in the Department properly supplied with hose, and to that fact may be attributed the delay in getting to work. Companies will never carry fire hose sufficient, until "engine playing" at fires is put to stop; and as that probably never will be done, the only remedy is the formation of a Hose Company, with a carriage capable of carrying one thousand feet of hose. We do hope the Chief Engineer will immediately take some steps in the matter.

THE ALTA AND CALL.—These papers, in their endeavor to procure fire arms in advance, fall into some very ridiculous errors. Both papers have announced Geo. A. Hudson, of Sanoone Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3, as a candidate for President of the Fire Department, when he is not a member of the new Board of Delegates. The *Call* announces C. Walsh, of No. 7, as a candidate for Assistant Engineer, when this gentleman is from No. 8. The *Alta* states that the annual meeting of St. Francis Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, for the election of officers, took place on Wednesday evening, whereas it was only a regular monthly meeting of the company, at which two officers took the opportunity to resign. The *Bulletin*, *Herald* and *Telegram*, copying from one or the other of the above papers, falls into the same errors.

NOW CARPET.—We have heard it stated, that among the first acts of the new Board of Delegates, will be the passage of a resolution appropriating an amount sufficient for the purchase of a new carpet, and fixing up the room of the Board in good order. The expense will not be very heavy, and we are glad to know the matter will be speedily attended to.

GONE INTO OFFICE.—George H. Hossefross, Superintendent of Streets elect, goes to office on the 15th of the present month. We are glad of this, for we do really believe he will see that the streets are in some sort of going order for vehicles, and particularly, engines.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—Governor Weller has appointed Thursday, Nov. 23d, as a Day of Thanksgiving. Turkeys, mince-meat, and "pumpkin" pie will suffer accordingly.

RESTORED.—By a vote of the Board of Delegates, on Wednesday evening, Mr. Hossefross was restored to his privileges as a member of the Department, his time of sentence having but twenty-four hours more to run.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The regular meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday evening next, at which time the members of the new Board will take their seats.

ARRIVED.—The first Overland Mail from the city to St. Louis, arrived in 24 days 18 hours and 25 minutes. Its arrival was received with great enthusiasm by the people of St. Louis.

A CANDIDATE.—William Free, Foreman of Crescent Engine Co. No. 10, is a candidate for Third Assistant Engineer, at the next election.

THANKS.—To W. E. Leoni, news agent, for a large budget of papers, etc., received by last steamer.

NOTWITHSTANDING.—John Pennycook has been nominated for Assistant Engineer, by Columbus Engine Company No. 11, of which he is Foreman.

L. W. S., SACRAMENTO.—Your letter received all right.

Board of Delegates.

An adjourned state meeting of the Board of Delegates, was held at their chambers in the City Hall, on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of investigating the matters in dispute between the Fire Department and Vigilant Engine Co. No. 9.—Charles S. Biden, President *pro tem.*, presided, and twenty-five members answered roll call. Messrs. Franklin L. Jones, of No. 12, and M. Lynch, of No. 13, appeared as counsel for the Department, and Mr. W. H. Bovee, of No. 9, for his company.

The trial of the case occupied the time of the Board until 1 o'clock, A. M., Thursday morning, when it could have been settled in five minutes.—

The constitution of No. 9 says, that a man to be elected to any official position in the company, must receive a majority of the votes of all the members present. There were fifty-four members present at the meeting of No. 9, at their annual election for officers, and it required twenty-eight votes to elect. Mr. Short received 27; Mr. Fitzpatrick, 26; blank, 1. Under any circumstances Mr. Short could not have been elected under that vote, and certainly not when the blank was counted, which made it a tie vote. Had this fact been represented to the Board, at the outset, by Mr. Jones, who must have been cognizant of it, as we said before, the matter could have been disposed of in five minutes.

A number of witnesses were examined as to the matters relating to the membership of Messrs. Snod and Luther. The latter was declared a member of the Department by the Board, and Mr. Snod was thrown out, as it was clearly proven he had not, at the time of the election of officers of No. 9, fully met the requirements of the company to make him a *bona fide* member.

The undersigned acknowledges the receipt of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, from A. B. Grogan, Esq., in aid of the Fireman's Cemetery Fund.

HENRY A. COBB.

Chmn Trustees Fireman's Cemetery.

Sacramento Agency.

GEORGE J. LITTLE is the duly authorized agent of THE FIREMAN'S JOURNAL, in Sacramento. All orders for the paper left at his office, only, will be attended to promptly.

By reference to another column it will be seen that the Cemetery Fund is rapidly accumulating, and in a short time the funds necessary for the railing and monument will have been subscribed. Mr. Grogan, the agent of the owners of the buildings injured by the fire on Monday night, has donated the Fund one hundred dollars, and the Butchers' Association have notified Mr. Cobb, that they will donate to the Cemetery Fund, the surplus of the receipts of their ball, which will amount to about one hundred and fifty dollars. It will thus be seen that considerable interest is being manifested in the Fund, and if the firemen would evince a corresponding degree of interest, the amount necessary could be procured by the 1st of November next. It will require thirty-five hundred dollars to carry out the design of the Trustees.

The plans for the railing and monument will be opened on the 10th (Wednesday next), and all proposals for building the base and putting up the railing, must be sent in to Mr. Cobb, by the 20th, at which time they will be opened, and the work given out. The Committee, we understand, will reserve the right to themselves to reject any or all bids for the work. Neither will they consider themselves bound to accept the lowest bid. While it is their object to have the work done in an economical manner as possible, they do not intend to allow a few dollars' difference in a bid, to preclude them from accepting terms of an advantageous nature.

The procurement of a Fireman's Cemetery was first advanced in this paper, in the appearance of its second number. We strongly advocated it at that time, and have at every convenient opportunity since; and it is a source of great gratification to us that our ideas have been so well seconded by the people and the Department.

LADDERS.—There is not a single ladder in the Department sufficient to reach (properly) the 3d story of a building like that of VANCE's. There should be three sixty-five foot ladders constructed and placed in localities where they could be easily obtained. One for instance at the Plaza, one at the corner of Broadway and Dupont street; and one at the junction of Market and Bush streets. They are indispensably necessary, and there should be no delay in procuring them. We have spoken of this matter before, but it was not deemed feasible, but had there been ladders of the length we speak of, at the fire of Monday, the firemen would have found just how advantageous they were. It would be well for the Chief Engineer to take some action in the matter.

A HOSE COMPANY.—The want of a Hose Company in the Department, independent of every other company, was practically demonstrated on Monday night. With but three or four exceptions there was not a reel in the Department properly supplied with hose, and to that fact may be attributed the delay in getting to work. Companies will never carry fire hose sufficient, until "engine playing" at fires is put to stop; and as that probably never will be done, the only remedy is the formation of a Hose Company, with a carriage capable of carrying one thousand feet of hose. We do hope the Chief Engineer will immediately take some steps in the matter.

THE ALTA AND CALL.—These papers, in their endeavor to procure fire arms in advance, fall into some very ridiculous errors. Both papers have announced Geo. A. Hudson, of Sanoone Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3, as a candidate for President of the Fire Department, when he is not a member of the new Board of Delegates. The *Call* announces C. Walsh, of No. 7, as a candidate for Assistant Engineer, when this gentleman is from No. 8. The *Alta* states that the annual meeting of St. Francis Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, for the election of officers, took place on Wednesday evening, whereas it was only a regular monthly meeting of the company, at which two officers took the opportunity to resign. The *Bulletin*, *Herald* and *Telegram*, copying from one or the other of the above papers, falls into the same errors.

NOW CARPET.—We have heard it stated, that among the first acts of the new Board of Delegates, will be the passage of a resolution appropriating an amount sufficient for the purchase of a new carpet, and fixing up the room of the Board in good order. The expense will not be very heavy, and we are glad to know the matter will be speedily attended to.

GONE INTO OFFICE.—George H. Hossefross, Superintendent of Streets elect, goes to office on the 15th of the present month. We are glad of this, for we do really believe he will see that the streets are in some sort of going order for vehicles, and particularly, engines.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—Governor Weller has appointed Thursday, Nov. 23d, as a Day of Thanksgiving. Turkeys, mince-meat, and "pumpkin" pie will suffer accordingly.

RESTORED.—By a vote of the Board of Delegates, on Wednesday evening, Mr. Hossefross was restored to his privileges as a member of the Department, his time of sentence having but twenty-four hours more to run.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The regular meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday evening next, at which time the members of the new Board will take their seats.

ARRIVED.—The first Overland Mail from the city to St. Louis, arrived in 24 days 18 hours and 25 minutes. Its arrival was received with great enthusiasm by the people of St. Louis.

A CANDIDATE.—William Free, Foreman of Crescent Engine Co. No. 10, is a candidate for Third Assistant Engineer, at the next election.

THANKS.—To W. E. Leoni, news agent, for a large budget of papers, etc., received by last steamer.

NOTWITHSTANDING.—John Pennycook has been nominated for Assistant Engineer, by Columbus Engine Company No. 11, of which he is Foreman.

L. W. S., SACRAMENTO.—Your letter received all right.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.

An election for Foreman and First Assistant of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, took place on Tuesday evening last, at which time Mr. H. A. Cobb, who has served the company honorably and faithfully as their foreman, resigned his position. Mr. T. A. Mitchell, formerly Secretary of the company, was elected foreman in place of Mr. Cobb; G. Bastagues Assistant foreman. Mr. Cobb was unanimously elected President of the company.

Upon the presentation of Mr. Cobb's resignation as foreman, he made the following eloquent and appropriate remarks, which were received with great enthusiasm by the Lafayette's:

Officers and members of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company No. 2.—GENTLEMEN.—It is five o'clock for you to meet, and I have come to you to conduct your Company. During five years I have renewed the trust reposed in me, and since this epoch I am happy to say it is. I have every reason to be proud of your zeal and co-operation in the task we had undertaken in common—"the advancement and prosperity of the Lafayette Company." Our motto is, "Truth, Justice, and Integrity." I have given you my command. By comparing the present situation of the Company with its position five years ago, I find myself sufficiently compensated for my labors. I have often told you that my health and occupations would not permit me to fill as I should desire, the position of foreman, and I have given you my command, telling you it was time to admit at your head a new element, by choosing a foreman, younger and more active. I added, that I would take the liberty to tender you my resignation, as soon as I should find an appropriate person to fill the position.

Do you think that my health and occupations is such that I could be a good foreman? I have often told you that my health and occupations would not permit me to fill as I should desire, the position of foreman, and I have given you my command, telling you it was time to admit at your head a new element, by choosing a foreman, younger and more active. I added, that I would take the liberty to tender you my resignation, as soon as I should find an appropriate person to fill the position.

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